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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PROGRAM BUDGET: GROUP B VIEWS

REF: STATE 89689

1. THERE WAS NOTABLE COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS TO WORKING PARTY ON UNCTAD PROGRAM BUDGET THIS WEEK. STATEMENTS MADE AT OPENING OF DEBATE AND DURING DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM AREAS WERE SUMMED UP IN GROUP B STATEMENT DELIVERED APRIL 24. HIGHLIGHTS OF POSITION FOLLOW.

2. GROUP EMPHASIZED THAT DEFINITION OF PRIORITIES WITHIN OVERALL PROGRAM--WHICH IT WELCOMED-- CALLED FOR RE-DEPLOYMENT OR REALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND NOT AUTOMATIC INCREASE IN STAFFING. WHILE GROUP UNABLE TO AGREE TO FORMAL STATEMENT ON NO PROGRAM GROWTH AT ALL, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISMAY OVER APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT PROJECTED BUDGET INCREASE.

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3. GROUP FELT STRONGLY THAT WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENTS SEVERELY DEFICIENT IN FAILING TO REFLECT ANY EFFORT AT "DIVISION OF LABOR" BETWEEN UNCTAD AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF UN SYSTEM. IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT "COORDINATION" NOT SUFFICIENT AND THAT CONCRETE ACTION DESIRED TO DIVIDE TASKS WITHIN UN ORGANIZATION.

4. GROUP TOOK CONSISTENT POSITION THAT WORK PROGRAM HAD TO REFLECT DECISIONS MADE IN APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND THAT WORKING GROUP ITSELF WAS NOT APPROPRIATE BODY TO CONSIDER NEW CONCEPTS OR PROGRAMS IN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS.

5. WITH REGARD TO PERSONNEL ISSUES, GROUP AFFIRMED THAT JUSTIFICATIONS GIVEN NEW POSTS AND UPWARD RE-CLASSIFICATION WERE NOT ADEQUATE. IT ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CONSULTANTS BEING HIRED ON A LONG-TERM BASIS IN LIEU OF PERMANENT POSTS AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON NAMES, PROGRAMS, AND TENURE OF CURRENT CONSULTANTS.

6. MEMBERS OF GROUP RESERVED THE POSITIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON ALL QUESTIONS OF BUDGETARY PRINCIPLES. THEY REAFFIRMED, HOWEVER, GENERAL OBJECTION TO "FULL BUDGETING" THROUGH INCLUSION OF PRESUPPOSED INFLATION FACTOR.

7. DELEGATES EXPRESSED DISMAY AT ONCE AGAIN RECEIVING DOCUMENTS TOO LATE FOR DETAILED REVIEW BY GOVERNMENTS. THEY ENTERED DISCLAIMER TO EFFECT THEIR COMMENTS REPRESENTED ONLY PRELIMINARY REACTIONS.

8. U.S. DELEGATION CALLED ATTENTION OF GROUP B AND THE WORKING PARTY TO THE EXCESSIVE USE OF MAN-MONTHS FROM ESTABLISHED POSTS TO SUPPORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS OF SOME PROGRAM DIVISIONS. GROUP B AGREED TO INCLUSION OF THIS POINT IN CONCLUDING STATEMENT. DALE

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